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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in spite of the decision taken by the Central Government with regard to the alignment of the road, the construction of the Kuppam bridge which was started three years back, and suspended, I do not know why, is still kept suspended; will the Government see that the construction of the bridge is taken up at an early date? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Superintending Engineer concerned has invited tenders for the work by advertising in the dailies. The last date for receipt of tenders is 16th February 1955. As soon as the tenders are received and a decision taken the work will be started."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Of the portion included in the Bombay-Cape Comorin Road may I know what extent has been completed up to this time and what extent remains to be completed? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no information; I want notice, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Before the Central Government took the decision regarding the road, the Madras Government had decided to construct the bridge in Pazhayangadi ferry and to my question the other day, on the floor of this House, even the Hon. Minister said that estimate was prepared. Now the people residing in Pazhayangadi and other places have got neither a road nor a bridge. Even in the Budget nothing is seen about it. Will the Government be pleased to consider construction of the bridge over the Pazhayangadi ferry as requested by the people there? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has no bearing on the main question. A separate question may be put, Sir."

" Central Flying Squad "

* 1202 SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the " Central Flying Squad " is in existence; and

(*b*) if existing, its present strength and the number of checks it made in 1953 to detect cases of overload in buses and lorries?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Generally, do these Flying Squads merely fly about? Or, is any work attached to them? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The effect will be check of malpractices."